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## BRIEF NEWS NOTES

WHAT HAS OCCURRED DURING  
WEEK THROUGHOUT COUN-  
TRY AND ABROAD

## EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE

Gathered From All Parts Of The  
Globe And Told In Short  
Paragraphs

### Foreign

The American firm of Belanger's, Inc., at Bluefields, Nicaragua, has failed. The liabilities were placed at three million dollars.

Max S. Green, chairman of the Irish prison board, was shot to death in Dublin, Ireland, recently. He was a son-in-law of the late John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader.

Numerous clashes occur almost daily in the dail effraim, the feeling running high. De Valera continues to press for recognition of the dail's supremacy, but the ministers of the provisional government hold firmly that they are supreme and responsible only to the public.

Three persons were killed and 24 others injured, some seriously, in a disturbance at Tanta, Egypt, 55 miles north of Cairo, says a Central News dispatch from Cairo. Native soldiers quelled the disturbance and restored order.

Japan is disposed to recognize the Soviet government of Russia under certain conditions. It is learned in Tokyo from an authoritative source. Instructions to the Japanese delegates at the proposed Genoa economic conference are now being prepared, but have not been completed.

A strike affecting 90,000 coal miners in western Canadian fields is threatened for April 1. Robert Livett, chairman of the scale committee of the United Mine Workers of America, declares that a walkout is possible in the event that wage reduction announced were put into effect. The territory affected is district No. 18, comprising southern Alberta and part of eastern British Columbia.

March 8 is the date set by Prime Minister Lloyd George of Great Britain for fulfillment of his ultimatum to Austen Chamberlain, according to a report in parliamentary circles. If by then he has not received satisfactory assurances of the loyal support of the Coalition Conservatives, it is said, he will present the king his resignation of the premiership, which he is now figuratively carrying in his pocket.

Lady Scott, widow of Capt. Robert F. Scott, Antarctic explorer, who, with four other members of his party, perished during a blizzard while returning from the South Pole early in 1913, married Lieut. Com. E. Hilton Young, financial secretary of the British treasury, in London, recently. The ceremony was performed in the crypt of the chapel in the house of commons by the bishop of St. Albans, Austen Chamberlain, government leader in the house of commons, gave the bride away.

All Paris is awaiting the outcome of an effort by Louis Latzarus, retiring editor-in-chief of the Figaro, to obtain satisfaction from the new editors of the newspaper for their initial editorial, to which he took offense. M. Latzarus first challenged Alfred Capus, but the latter, who is 64 years old, told M. Latzarus' secretary he had long ceased to be even amused by such challenges, and that anyway it was customary that the younger man should be challenged when two were jointly involved, referring to Marquis Robert de Flers, aged 50, his co-editor.

### Washington

Dr. Hubert Work, first assistant postmaster general, was nominated by President Harding and confirmed by the senate to be postmaster-general. He will succeed Will H. Hays resigned. A deficiency appropriation of \$108,415,287, approximately \$75,500,000 less than the amount requested by various departments, is recommended in a bill reported by the house appropriations committee.

The supremacy of the interstate commerce commission over state utility commissions and similar state bodies in matters pertaining to the regulation of railroads has been established by the decision of the United States Supreme court in the Wisconsin rate case. The case was over the higher rates put into effect in Wisconsin under act of the state legislature of 1920.

The Supreme court has upheld a decision of the Oregon courts giving the government a judgment of \$13,204.84 against Willard N. Jones, who had a fraudulent scheme of putting old soldiers on homestead sites in Oregon and then binding them up in contracts under which the land would ultimately fall to him.

Mr. Hefflin, senator from Alabama, has so far been unable to get a congressional investigation of the Federal Reserve bank at Atlanta.

Complete reorganization of the naval reserve is proposed in a tentative bill prepared by the navy department and forwarded to officials of the naval reserve association by Secretary Denby for comment before it is presented to congress. Included in the proposed act is the provision for a merchant marine reserve section and for certain merchant ships to fly a reserve emblem.

Taking its first ratification roll call on the series of international covenants negotiated during the arms conference, the senate ratified without reservation or amendments the treaty with Japan confirming American cable and radio rights on the island of Yap.

A "demand" was made on congress in a resolution adopted at the closing session of the national rivers and harbors congress that it approve at this session not less than the amount of money recommended by the chief of army engineers as necessary for improvements of national rivers and harbors.

The hearing on the Ford proposal for Muscle Shoals, Ala., government property has ended, and consideration of other propositions will now be taken up.

Thomas W. Martin, president of the Alabama Power company, told the house military committee that his company had made a thorough study of power markets within a radius of 400 miles of Muscle Shoals, Ala., and that this company was sure that a hydro-electric power sufficient to industrialize a territory 800 miles in diameter could be generated.

The Supreme court, in a decision rendered by Justice Brandeis, has declared woman suffrage in the United States to be constitutional.

The Supreme court has held invalid the Arkansas state law prohibiting corporations doing business in that state from removing cases from state to federal courts.

Francis I. Jones, director general of the United States employment service of the department of labor, has been advised that employment agencies are exploiting the people and preying upon the unemployed with prospective operations at the Muscle Shoals, Ala., power and nitrate projects.

### Domestic

Judge Julian W. Mack of New York has been selected to serve the unexpired term of Judge Kennesaw Mountain Landis, whose resignation is already effective.

Minor disorders accompanied the re-opening of the Hope company's textile plant at Hope Village, R. I., in the Pawtucket valley, with a score or more of employees.

William G. McAduo and Mrs. McAduo will, in the near future, respond to the lure of the west and "open spaces" and settle in Los Angeles, Calif., permanently.

Kennesaw Mountain Landis, commissioner of baseball, who resigned as a federal judge, will not go into politics in Chicago, he has informed a friend in a letter, it became known.

Sylvester S. Shoemaker, 72, Memphis, Tenn., could not raise enough money to pay his life insurance premium and suicide. His farewell letter to his wife asked her forgiveness.

Five men held up and robbed William Ormsby, payroll clerk of the Palm Olive company, of ten thousand dollars just as he was getting out of a taxicab in the company's Milwaukee plant.

Mrs. Mollie Turner, Kentucky's first woman moonshiner in so far as it is known, is under sentence to serve three months in jail and to pay a fine as a result of being convicted on that charge in circuit court at London, Ky. The threatened nation-wide strike of bituminous coal miners on April 1 may be averted, it is asserted in Chicago, if the policy committee of the miners will allow district presidents to frame state wage agreements with operators.

Mrs. John Rupp recently told the Los Angeles police that she "kept house" for the six drug peddlers who are said to have been implicated in the murder of William Desmond Taylor, film director. The police attach much importance to her story, and say that if her story is true, the murder mystery is solved.

William F. Wendt, Los Angeles millionaire, formerly known as the "iron king" of Buffalo, N. Y., where the courts recently held him incompetent, has been found to be "mentally sick" at a session of the Los Angeles county lunacy commission, and paroled to Mrs. Jean McCracken, a court attaché. It is planned to place him in a sanitarium.

The special grand jury investigating the Lexington hotel (Richmond, Va.) fire, February 7, found that the owners had been too prodigious in the use of the word "new" instead of fixing the hostelry for the safety of the lives of the guests and employees.

Theodore Roosevelt would give the country one of his broad smiles if he were alive. Mr. and Mrs. William Post of Brownsville, Ky., have been married six years, in which time, four sets of twins and one set of quadruplets have come to bless their home—twelve in all.

Representatives of the manufacturers and of both unions involved in the strike in cotton mills in Rhode Island rejected the proposition of the state board of mediation and conciliation that the wage controversy be submitted to Judge J. Jerome Ahlin, chairman of the board, as sole arbitrator.

Mary Pickford does not have to pay Mrs. Cora C. Wilkenson any part of the \$108,000 which Mrs. Wilkenson claims was due her as commission for getting the film star a raise to \$10,000 a week, was the verdict of a federal jury at New York.

Six more indictments, naming ten men whose affairs have been investigated in the bucket shop inquiry, were returned by the grand jury, at New York, and three more brokerage houses became involved in financial troubles and were forced to suspend.

## LARGE NUMBER OF SUICIDES IN 1921

REACTION FOLLOWING WAR IS  
BLAMED FOR THE LARGE  
NUMBER.

## ALL CLASSES WERE INCLUDED

Ages of Suicides Range All the Way  
From Five to Hundred Years,  
With Males in Lead.

New York.—Reaction following the war was blamed by the Save-a-Life league for the large number of suicides in 1921, 20,000 of which were estimated to have taken place in this country. The number of cases brought to the league's attention was 12,144, of which 8,410 were males and 3,734 females.

"This waste of life, the result of recent disturbed economic conditions and the aftermath of war," said a report by Henry M. Warren, president of the league, "has caused commercial failure, loss of employment and much real suffering. The growing complexity of our modern life, the feverish unrest, crimes, divorces, questionable dress, unhappy home relations, the decline of religious sentiment and other things have caused deranged nerves, depression and less self-control. With improved business, which is sure to come, the suicide rate will be reduced and prosperity and happiness will return."

One of the striking features of the report is the increase in the number of suicides of children which was 477 in 1919, 707 in 1920 and 858 in 1921. There also were 509 war veterans among the suicides last year.

All classes of society were included in the list of those who took their own lives. There were 10 educators, 40 students, 51 school teachers, 21 clergymen, 39 brokers, 57 judges and lawyers, 86 physicians, 7 mayors, 88 heads of large corporations, 76 millionaires, 30 wealthy women and 93 bankers, including 37 bank presidents. The oldest suicide was 100 years old and the youngest five years.

All sorts of reasons were given by the victims. One man hung himself because his wife was "too good" for him; another because his wife was spending all his money; another because he could not stand the noise of a neighbor's piano, and another because his wife refused to kiss him. One spinster took poison, leaving a note that "no man in the world is good enough for me." And a mother took her life because her son would not marry to please her. One man left a note stating "beware of grass widows," and another killed himself for "the good of the I. W. W." In New York City there were 840 suicides last year, an increase of 103 over 1920.

Charged With Murder of His Mother. Hazelhurst, Miss.—Four men living near Dentville, Miss., near here, identified Milton Drury, held in jail here charged with the murder of his mother, Mrs. Ada Drury Converse, near that place, last January, as the driver of an automobile they had helped to pull out of the mud on January 11, near the scene of the tragedy, according to a statement by Sheriff Ramsey, of Solphah county, who has conducted the investigation into the woman's death.

Two Funeral Services For Comedian. New York.—Two funeral services will be held for Egbert Austin (Bert) Williams, negro comedian, who died at his home here of pneumonia. The family services will be held Tuesday afternoon at St. Philip's church and a second ceremony will be held Wednesday afternoon under auspices of St. Cecilia lodge of Masons, of which he was a member.

Collision Death Toll Sixteen. Cleveland, Ohio.—The toll of death from the collision of a New York Central express train and an automobile bus at Painesville crossing remains at sixteen, with probabilities that the three injured will recover. Nick Nenko, the sixteenth victim, died in a Painesville hospital.

Southern Colleges Receive Donations. New York.—The General Education Board of the Rockefeller Foundation has donated \$3,016,791 to various universities and colleges which are seeking to raise funds, it was learned. Among the donations were the following: Hampden-Sidney College, Hampden-Sidney, Va., \$100,000 towards \$325,000; University of Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tenn., \$165,666 towards \$600,000; Presbyterian College of South Carolina, Clinton, S. C., \$125,000 towards \$375,000.

Tied Up For Lack of Fuel. Washington.—Secretary Denby announced that he ordered 50 additional destroyers and nearly three score auxiliary craft placed out of commission to conserve fuel. The destroyers are in addition to the 100 ordered out of commission some days ago and will leave the navy 76 destroyers in full commission and 40 with heavily reduced complements aboard. Among other vessels besides destroyers ordered out of commission are five fuel ships and one collier.

## NEXT MONTH SET FOR PALMAFESTA

COLUMBIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DECIDES TO STAGE GALA EVENT.

## MIMNAUGH MADE CHAIRMAN

Will Be Same Spectacular Event That Delighted Thousands of Visitors Last Year.

Columbia.—Palmafaesta, an occasion of merrymaking, display and jollity to which all South Carolina looks forward with pleasant anticipations, will be staged in Columbia about the middle of April, according to a decision arrived at the meeting of the directors of the Columbia chamber of commerce.

John L. Minnaugh, well known merchant of Columbia, was elected general chairman of Palmafaesta and was promised the cordial support and cooperation of the members of the board. At a former meeting of the board it had been decided not to have Palmafaesta this year on account of conditions, but James M. Green reported that 96 citizens had signed a petition that Palmafaesta be put on again this year and had agreed to put up \$100 each to meet any deficit that might arise. Mr. Green estimated that Palmafaesta this year would cost approximately \$16,000. After the matter had been discussed at length James G. Holmes moved that the chamber of commerce put on Palmafaesta in April and that John L. Minnaugh be made general chairman. This motion was passed.

Palmafaesta this year will be the same spectacular event that delighted thousands of visitors last year; there will be numerous attractions and displays with a style show, street parades and queens from the counties. The details have not yet been worked out, but the committees will be appointed at once and plans will be pushed forward to completion rapidly. In a short time a meeting of citizens will be held at the court house at which plans will be discussed in detail.

Reorganizing Cannery at Greenwood. Greenwood.—Plans for a cannery to operate here on a large scale are being drawn and actual work will begin within the next ten days, according to G. Allen Banks, president of the Dixie Land company, whose firm has organized the Greenwood Cannery company with a capitalization of \$50,000.

Under the plans being perfected by the local cannery, machinery will be installed for canning all sorts of vegetables, fruits, berries and sweet potatoes. A large potato curing house will be operated in connection with farmers to grow vegetables for the cannery and the promoters declare that it will be one step in assisting farmers to diversify and plant other crops than cotton.

Takes French Leave. Chester.—Ole Gore, a very desperate negro, in some unaccountable way managed to get a hack saw and sawed his chains loose from his legs and made his get-away from the Chester county chancery. A \$50 reward has been offered for his apprehension. Several years ago he was shot through the head by a Charlotte police officer at Charlotte, while a number of years ago he was shot through the mouth at Tampa, Fla., while in trouble there.

Gaffney Proposes to Cut Expenses. Gaffney.—The members of the town council of Gaffney held a meeting and discussed some of the policies for the coming term. The salaries of all the officials will be cut, and the police force will be reduced to four men. At the request of Mayor R. A. Jones, mayor-elect, his salary will be reduced \$100 per year. While the reductions are not drastic, it will result in a considerable saving to the town. Asked as to the personnel of the police force which will be elected by the new council, a member said that it was not discussed in the meeting, and that this matter would be decided later.

County to Borrow Money. Greenwood.—For the first time in the history of Greenwood county, the annual county loan has been awarded to a bank outside the city of Greenwood, the Bank of Ninety-Six having been the lowest bidder on the loan for the coming fiscal year. The Bank of Ninety-Six offered to loan the county \$80,000 at one forty-seventh of one per cent, or a total of \$17.02. Fifty thousand of this amount was for school purposes, and will enable the schools of the county to run their normal terms.

Parker Likes Cake. Greenwood.—The local post of the American Legion is making an effort to learn the name of the maker of angel food cake which was placed on board Marshal Foch's train when it passed through Greenwood December 9, a duplicate of the cake being sought by the wife of Alton T. Parker, Legion American Legion executive committee member, who helped eat the cake. In a letter to the local post, Mrs. Parker declared her cook has gone crazy attempting to make an angel food cake like the one her husband ate.

## TAX RESOLUTION IS PASSED BY HOUSE

THE ROLL CALL BALLOT SHOWED NINE MEMBERS IN FAVOR OF KILLING AMENDMENT.

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE SIGNS ACTS

A Large Number of Local Acts and Statewide Measures Were Given Approval.

Columbia.

The house of representatives, following the lead of the senate, passed the tax extension resolution over the veto of Governor Cooper by the overwhelming vote of 79 to 9. Debate on the resolution was unusually brief and was confined entirely to the arguments of proponents of the tax extension that the house should override the chief executive's objections to the measure.

The resolution thereby became part of the law of the state and the time for the payment of state and county taxes, under the provisions of the act, has so been extended until June 1st, with no executions to be served until September 1. Penalties are imposed on delinquent tax payers as follows: For taxes paid during March, 3 per cent; for taxes paid during April 5 per cent; for taxes paid during the month of May 6 per cent, and for taxes paid during and after June, 8 per cent. Executions for unpaid taxes will be drawn up on June 1, but under the provisions of the resolution will not be placed in the hands of the sheriffs until September 1.

Representative J. J. Evans of Bennettsville opened the fight to secure the passage of the resolution over the governor's veto, taking up the arguments advanced by the governor and bringing evidence to refute them. The objection raised by Governor Cooper to the proviso carried in the bill to allow persons paying their taxes by June 1 to cast their ballot as usual, that this provision of the resolution was unconstitutional, Mr. Evans contended, should alarm no one since this did not affect the other provisions of the measure. The governor had also been misled, he thought, in arguing that the postponement of the time for the payment of taxes would injure the state's credit. "Governor Cooper," Mr. Evans said, "has argued that the passage of the resolution will 'materially injure the credit of the state,' forgetting the fact that the sheriff's gavel will fall on many homes in the state if it is not passed." T. K. Vassy of Cherokee, E. R. Buckingham of Alken, J. G. Welling of Fairfield and J. R. Bryson of Greenville also spoke in favor of the passage of the measure over the governor's veto, advanced practically identical arguments with those raised by Mr. Evans.

Julius S. McInnes of Darlington then moved the previous question and the vote was taken on the passage of the resolution, the objections of the governor to the contrary notwithstanding.

Governor Cooper signed a number of acts, several of statewide importance, the acts becoming law with the signature of the chief executive.

The McElveen-McCutchen-Lewis-Ford bill to regulate the fees for the selling of leaf tobacco on the floors of warehouses was signed. This act makes several changes from the old law. The measure to regulate the fees charged by sheriffs in serving processes so as to provide that a sheriff cannot charge mileage for serving at three or four parties in one community at the same time was another act to get the approval of the chief executive.

Representative Bradford's joint resolution to give the general assembly power to regulate the state printing was another measure to get the signature of the governor.

Representative Foster's bill to require textile corporations to pay their employees during work hours was signed and became law.

The Blease measure to provide for the borrowing of money by any school district in the state and to pledge the taxes for the payment of obligations made was in the list to be signed.

The well known "corn cob" bill was another to receive the approval of the chief executive.

Representative Duke's bill to amend the highway act so as to provide for the highway department to take over and maintain roads in towns up to 2,500 persons, instead of as now provided, was another to be signed.

A large number of local acts and other statewide measures were given approval.

The finance committee returned a favorable report on the ways and means constitutional three mill levy bill.

The Simonhoff marriage license bill, which had been advanced from a second to third reading by a practically unanimous vote, was ordered recommended on the motion of Representative J. R. O'Rourke of Charleston, the vote standing 49 to 35 in favor of recommending the measure. This action is practically tantamount to killing the bill as the time of adjournment is so near as to practically make it impossible to secure its passage even though the committee should report it out again. The house, however, refused to apply the parliamentary clincher by a vote of 35 to 41.

After a general agreement was reached to include in the Atkinson public service commission bill an amendment so that the law would not break up existing contracts or interfere with municipally owned utilities, the senate, by an overwhelming majority, passed the public service commission measure, thus ending the most determined fight of the legislative year.

When the amendment to exempt contracts already existing and municipal plants were agreed to the whole fight on the bill practically collapsed, only seven votes being cast to strike out the enacting words as against 31 not to strike out the enacting words.

The bill was taken up and also the efforts to recall the Miller railroad commission bill from the hands of the governor, and the two matters were debated at length.

Senator Miller led an untiring fight to pass the public service commission bill and to prevent the recalling of the railroad commission measure from the hands of the governor. He spoke for over an hour and a half and declared he was absolutely determined to see that the public service commission bill had a square deal for once. He spoke on the effort to recall the railroad commission bill and declared that if the senate passed a concurrent resolution to ask the governor to return the bill the house of representatives would not for a moment agree to it. He said such a resolution would get no further in the house than "a snowball down below."

The committee on military affairs made a favorable report, with amendments, on the bill to enact a new military code for South Carolina. The senate concurred in the house amendments to the bill to incorporate the Superannuate Aid association of the South Carolina Methodist conference and the bill was ordered enrolled for ratification.

Senator Laney's code amendment measure was passed and sent to the house.

The Richland and Calhoun delegations' bill to provide for a bridge across the Congaree river at Bates ferry was advanced to third reading with an amendment by Senator Pearce to allow for 8 per cent interest instead of 6 if necessary. This amendment was adopted.

Several statewide bills were advanced to third reading with the understanding that the debate come then. The free conference report on the J. O. Williams cutout bill was adopted. This report recommended that the senate amendment allowing spotlights to be used where they are extinguished within 200 yards of an approaching vehicle be adopted. The report recommended the change of the title of the bill so as to take in spotlights. The bill prevents the use of cutouts on public highways.

A concurrent resolution by Senator Goodwin providing that the general assembly adjourn sine die not later than 11:55 o'clock, March 11, was adopted by the senate. This resolution also forbids that the clocks of the two houses be run up or stopped.

The finance committee bill to amend the law in regard to fees for the inquiry and reporting of the origin of fires was passed and sent to the house.

Senator Rogers' bill to regulate health and accident insurance companies collecting premiums by the week, or by the month, known as industrial companies, and to levy a tax on their premium collection and to provide for the better supervision of such companies was passed and sent to the house.

The finance committee bill to authorize and empower the tax commission to order an abatement or refund of taxes in certain cases was sent to third reading.

The committee on education's measure to allow the state board of education to use its discretion in the selection of school texts upon which the prices have been raised was given its third reading.

On motion of Senator Duncan the vote whereby the Sapp engineers' license bill was killed was reconsidered and the bill placed back on the calendar. It developed that the records of the senate had shown Senator Ragsdale voting to strike out the enacting words of the bill, when he was not present.

An unfavorable report by the finance committee on the bill from the house to authorize the governor to have the Washington monument in front of the state house repaired was adopted and the bill killed.

### Increase of Stock.

Authority to increase its capital stock from \$50,000 to \$60,000 was granted by the secretary of state to the Spartanburg Coca-Cola Bottling company.

Authority to increase its capital stock from \$125,000 to \$155,000 was granted to the Charleston Warehouse and Forwarding company of Charleston.

Authority to increase its capital stock from \$6,000 to \$25,000 was granted to Beaudrot-Beirs Quality Shop of Greenwood.

### Two New Charters.

The Barron-Caldwell Motor company of Rock Hill was chartered by the secretary of state with a capital stock of \$20,000. Officers are: J. R. Barron, president and treasurer; J. N. Caldwell, vice-president and secretary.

The Johnson-McCracken company of Newberry was chartered with a capital stock of \$50,000. The firm will conduct a general mercantile business. Officers are: J. Duncan Johnson, president; J. Thaddeus McCracken, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

## MARLBORO SETS NEW RECORD

Eleven Thousand Bales Signed in Week; Darlington Still Leads in State in Number of Bales.

Columbia.—All records in the cotton co-operative marketing campaign were smashed by Marlboro county when 11,032 bales were signed up in six days, according to a statement given out by officials of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative association. This puts Marlboro county in second place, Darlington county having held its place in the lead of the procession. Sumter county is third and Dillon fourth.

Enthusiasm in Marlboro for the plan is declared to be running high and S. E. Evans, the county agent, and E. Wallace Evans, the county director expect to sign 25,000 bales in that county within the next few weeks. They have written headquarters they hope to overtake Darlington the coming week. Darlington, which now has approximately 18,000 bales signed, has been leading the state in the number of bales signed practically since the beginning of the campaign.

### Georgetown Road Pleases Drivers.

Georgetown.—The people of Georgetown county have for the past two months and more been convinced by actual demonstration of the tremendous transportation advantages and the real joy of riding over a first class sand-clay highway. The highway from Georgetown to Andrews was completed, concrete bridges and all, about the first of January, a distance of 18 miles. It was built with federal aid under supervision of the state highway commission, and the maintenance work is being looked after by the county authorities. The total cost ran up to nearly \$200,000, making the cost to the county approximately \$100,000, perhaps a little less than that. But the outlay seems justified in the good that will accrue. The road is a perfect thoroughfare for travel, and the intercourse between Georgetown and Andrews has been greatly increased.

### White Men Attack Operator of Cafe.

Chester.—Considerable excitement was caused at the Seaboard Air Line railway station when an attempt was made to rob a cafe. Tom Deakos, who operates the cafe, says three white men came to the cafe, and one asked to get a bottle of ale on credit, and he was in the act of presenting him with the bottle, when a second member of the party picked up a bottle of ale and hurled it at his head, while the third member of the party extinguished the lights. Then when everything was dark an attempt was made to rob him of his money. He fired a revolver upward, not caring to injure any member of the party. In the meantime making an exit from the rear door.

### Assaulting Fired Load of Buckshot.

Columbia.—C. P. King, of Pontiac is a patient at the Columbia hospital suffering from gunshot wounds inflicted by the hands of unknown parties. Mr. King was shot while he was placing his motor car under a shed on his premises. The assaults used buckshot shells and the lead missiles fractured the right arm and punctured the right hip.

Sheriff Helise was immediately notified of the attack and he made a fast run to the scene. The county officer said Mr. King was in the act of leaving his machine under a shed when someone concealed in a shed close by fired a load of buckshot at him.

### Large Volume of Linters Exported.

Charleston.—Eighty per cent of the linters exported from this country last year went abroad from Charleston. There was a concentration here of a large quantity of this cotton by the government after the war. There is comparatively little of this volume of linters left now at the port terminals, as, after it had been disposed of by the federal authorities to private interests, the bulk of it was sold in Europe, Germany taking a large portion of the export. During 1921 over 167,000 bales of linters went across the Atlantic from this port, leaving on hand less than 50,000 bales. Many of the steamers going abroad from Charleston took linters, along with other cargo. Germany finds varied uses for this cotton in making shoddy and other goods.

### For Track Meet.

Columbia.—Plans for the state track meet, which will be held in Columbia April 26-27-28, were discussed at a meeting of the committee in charge of the contest. The committee is composed of T. H. Hanna, Anderson; W. P. Crawford, Hartsville, and A. C. Flora, Columbia.

It was announced after the meeting that a bulletin would be issued in regard to the meet by the university. It is expected that 60 schools will be represented.

### Row at Barbecue Costs Life.

Greenwood.—One man is dead and another shot through the heel as a result of a brawl at a barbecue on the banks of Saluda river about two miles below Darlington near the Newberry county line. The row is alleged to have followed a chicken fight to which participants are alleged to have come from Laurens, Newberry and Greenwood counties.

The dead man is Meador Williamson, a white man, who is alleged to have been shot by "Coon" Abrams, a young negro.